

## AMENDMENTS

### Specification Amendments

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the paragraph starting at page 1, line 2, with the following:

This application is also related to a concurrently-filed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/802,111 entitled "Synthesizer Multi-Bus Component", to ~~Todor Fay et al., Brian Schmidt, and Jim Geist~~, which is identified as client docket number ~~MS1-737US~~, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

This application is also related to a concurrently-filed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/801,938 entitled "Accessing Audio Processing Components in an Audio Generation System", to ~~Todor Fay et al., and Brian Schmidt~~, which is identified as client docket number ~~MS1-738US~~, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

This application is also related to a concurrently-filed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/802,323 entitled "Dynamic Channel Allocation in a Synthesizer Component", to ~~Todor Fay~~, which is identified as client docket number ~~MS1-739US~~, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Substitute the paragraph starting at page 14, line 11, with the following:

The performance manager 204 receives the audio content input from audio source 302 and produces audio instructions for input to the audio rendition manager 206. Performance manager 204 includes a segment component 314, an instruction processors component 316, and an output processor 318. The segment component 314 represents the audio content input from audio source 302. Although the performance manager 204 is shown having only one segment 314, the performance manager can have a primary segment and any number of secondary segments. Multiple segments ~~in~~ can be arranged concurrently and/or sequentially with the performance manager 204.

Substitute the paragraph starting at page 42, line 13, with the following:

Computer 802 can also include other removable/non-removable, volatile/non-volatile computer storage media. By way of example, Fig. 8 illustrates a hard disk drive 816 for reading from and writing to a non-removable, non-volatile magnetic media (not shown), a magnetic disk drive 818 for reading from and writing to a removable, non-volatile magnetic disk 820 (e.g., a “floppy disk”), and an optical disk drive 822 for reading from and/or writing to a removable, non-volatile optical disk 824 such as a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or other optical media. The hard disk drive 816, magnetic disk drive 818, and optical disk drive 822 are each connected to the system bus 808 by one or more data media interfaces ~~826~~ 825. Alternatively, the hard disk drive 816, magnetic disk drive 818, and optical disk drive 822 can be connected to the system bus 808 by a SCSI interface (not shown).